

## Hillsboro Sustainability Task Force Meeting Summary

September 22, 2016, 3:00-5:00 PM

Hillsboro Civic Center Room 207

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**Attendees:** Heather Robinson, Bob Grover, Mac Martin, Laura Schaefer, Carol Brown, Jeff Hamman, Mary Moerlins, David McInay, Peter Brandom, Jason Robertson, Dacia Bakkum

**Absent:** Willy Paul, Carly Riter, Tova Broadbent, Tacy Steele, Kimberley Sackman, Jenny Cadigan, Linda Everett

**Guests:** Dan Rutzick, Aaron Ray

**Meeting Objectives:** Confirm indicator and pilot project findings; identify next steps; share partner updates

Peter Brandom welcomed the group and asked for introductions.

Peter announced that Kimberley Sackman is no longer with Epson Portland and that Heather Robinson has agreed to serve as the Task Force Chair.

The Westside Transportation Alliance (WTA) has hired a new executive director - Jeff Pazdalski. Peter will be reaching out to him soon to introduce himself and discuss the WTA's involvement with the Task Force.

### Energy + Climate Change Comp Plan Chapter Update

Hillsboro Planning Department staff provided an update on the Energy & Climate Change chapter in the City's Comprehensive Plan which is currently being updated. This is the first time the Comprehensive Plan has been updated since 1983. Cities and counties are required by law to have a comprehensive plan.

The Plan is comprised of the following seven core areas and it aligns with the Hillsboro 2035 Community Plan focus areas and goals:

1. Advancing Environmental Sustainability
2. Bolstering Community Involvement
3. Building Economy & Infrastructure
4. Cultivating Transportation Choices
5. Enhancing Livability & Recreation
6. Foster Healthy Ecosystems
7. Promoting Health, Wellness & Safety

Community feedback collected during the development of the 2035 Plan revealed a need to expand the sustainability-related policies and goals in the Comprehensive Plan to encompass all of its 19 sections.

Planning staff and Task Force members reviewed and discussed each of the draft energy & climate change chapter goals and policies. Comments and draft changes to the some of the goals are noted below.

Goal 1: Advance resource efficiency in the built environment

- Policy 1.1 – This policy is more about “high-performance building” than “resource efficient development”.
- Policy 1.4 – This policy is more about “construction material efficiency” than “material resource efficiency”.
- Policy 1.6 – consider light or white roofs as an implementation measure.

Goal 2: Increase the use, production, and storage of renewable energy

- The word “storage” of renewable energy listed in Policy 2.2 should also be added to the Goal language.
- Policy 2.2 – “Net positive” is appropriate language for both resource-efficient development (Goal 1) and renewable energy production (Goal 2).
- Policy 2.3 – Change the word “ensuring” to “maximizing”.
- Policy 2.4 – Change the word “pursue” to “facilitate” – reduce usage of the work “pursue”.

Goal 3: Reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector

- Add language to goal about expanding roadways to reduce carbon emissions from car idling.
- No suggested edit as such language and/or traffic signal management language, is more appropriate for consideration in the transportation goals/policies section.
- Suggest separating policy 3.3 to consider passenger and truck vehicles separately.

Goal 4: Promote collaborative and innovative approaches to address energy & climate change challenges and opportunities

- Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) member: Not in favor of using climate change in these goals and policies.
- Planning staff: No suggested edit as using the term climate change is consistent with the feedback from other CAC members and the Sustainability Project Manager’s own experience working in this realm and related topics in Hillsboro for 7+ years.
- Policy 4.1 – CAC member: “Maintain” is not a good word here. Suggest replacing with a better word such as “Update”.
- Policy 4.3 – CAC member: Important to make education available in other languages.
- Policy 4.6 – CAC member: Move this policy to the Air Quality section.

New and revised definitions were also discussed.

David McInay spoke about the development of South Hillsboro and cooperative efforts for high performance building. He added that the goals and policies in the sustainability section of the Comprehensive Plan are incentive driven, not policy driven.

Mary Moerlins suggested that the City help facilitate partnerships with other organizations and developers.

Aaron Ray explained that implementation measures will be developed after policies and goals are approved.

Heather Robinson suggested that recycling and trash management should be more holistically considered in design of new buildings to help residents develop better recycling habits.

Laura Schaefer asked if airport emissions are included in the Comprehensive Plan. Peter responded that transportation fuel models are based on miles traveled – aviation is not included. The Port of Portland tracks airport emissions.

Jason Robertson suggested that the City facilitate local support for organizations that are transitioning to more sustainable fleets.

David McInay described a new company in Riddle, Oregon that produces “cross laminated timber” (CLT), which is produced with wood glued together to produce framing. Use of this product appears to be highly sustainable relative to other traditional building materials.

Formal adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan is expected in late summer/early fall of 2017. The Comprehensive Plan website is [www.plan.hillsboro-oregon.gov](http://www.plan.hillsboro-oregon.gov).

### **Annual Report Review**

Jason and Peter provided an overview of the first annual report rough draft and discussed each of the goals with the group. Updates to several of the indicators were suggested in redline and approved by the Task Force. One significant change is that due to limited data available relative to amphibians, that indicator will only focus on birds for now; amphibians will be tracked in the future if data becomes available.

Peter will reach out to several Task Force members for narrative and photos for the report.

Carol suggested that for consistency and comparison, we should use a 2010 baseline instead of a 2002 baseline for Indicator 9. Peter will reach out to Tacy Steele to discuss.

It was suggested that year over year data trends be included in future reports to see trends, perhaps as an appendix.

Peter indicated that the aim is to finalize the report by the end of the year.

## **Partner Updates**

- US Mayor's Conference Award/Funding Allocation will go to Community Action for residential energy projects
- PGE Solar Grant – if awarded, funds will be used to purchase solar (225kW) for the Brookwood Library and will double the City's current solar generation
- Green Business Award – Participation Opportunity
- Joint HSTF-Hillsboro 2035 Oversight Committee (OC) Meeting: tentative for January 23 from 3-5pm – the focus will be on environmental sustainability
- Member Updates: Carol Brown is retiring from PGE – her last day is December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congrats and thank you Carol!